

Town of Christiana

Town Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2025, 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance was Chair Jim Lowery, Supervisor Dawn Redford, Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen Egge and various members of the community.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting was properly noticed and posted.

NEW BUSINESS PART I

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding a request by Robert and Kim Riege to rezone parcels #0612-032-8315-0 and 0612-031-8745-0 to create one residential 2.5 acre lot off Clear View Road rezoned from FP-35 to RR-2 and one conservancy 7.6 acre lot rezoned from FP-35 to NR-C. Both lots to be sold to a third party.

Discussion was had regarding the 7.6 acres moving to RR-2 stating with its oaks, hickory and buckthorn woods it is a nice little conservancy to do with it what one would want. It has no residential capability to it. There would be no driveway to it; people could park along the road. Plan Commission reported the neighbors bordering the property seemed fine by the end of the meeting.

Jim Lowrey moved to approve the rezone for Bob and Kim Riege (parcels #0612-032-8315-0 and 0612-031-8745-0) 2.5 acre lot for the RR2 and the 7.6 acre lot from FP-35 to RR-2. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION

- b. Consideration of moving into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, specifically, the litigation decision by the Court Appeals related to the Invenergy and Wisconsin Utilities' Koshkonong Solar Project.

Paragraph Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(g) for closed session was read, roll call was taken. Jim Lowrey and Dawn Redford present, Steve Kriedeman absent.

Jim Lowrey moved to convene into closed session. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

- c. Following closed session, the Town Board will reconvene in open session and may take such action on the matters discussed in closed session as the Town Board deems appropriate.

After closed session discussions a vote was taken to move back into open session.

Dawn Redford moved to reconvene into open session. Jim Lowrey seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

Roll call was taken to reconvene into open session. Jim Lowrey and Dawn Redford present, Steve Kriedeman absent.

COMMENTS

Janice Redford commented on the amazing 348 acres known as Gunnelson Farm. 150 people celebrated with David Gunnelson in the ribbon cutting, now calling it Hillside Prairie Sanctuary. She was delighted for the Town of Christiana to be known for something that is not solar panels.

Another resident mentioned that a utility pole by her house has a Spectrum line hanging and if it goes down on the road it will be a hazard. Our public works patrolman agreed to report it and get it taken care of by Spectrum.

ORDER OF BUSINESS RESUMED

Public Works Director's Report

Spectrum has been contacted to repair the damages made to some of the town roads when they put in fiber. They will report back to Steve with a date of repair.

Olia road's need for culverts and resurfacing was discussed.

A work trailer for Pheifer Brothers Construction Co, Inc. hired by the county to redo the bridges over Koskongong Creek and Saunders Creek will be parked in the Town Hall parking lot during the construction.

No Fire Commission Report

NEW BUSINESS PART II

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding driveway permit for Dale and Cindy Vethe.

The Vethe's met with Steve Brandt and the driveway is approved. No action was needed.

- b. Discussion and possible action regarding approval to place on public auction the following three assets in public works:
- 1993 Mack dump truck
 - 5' Woods Mower (3 point)
 - Surge PTO Generator

Discussion was had regarding the assets and their antiquated status in the township as well as what has replaced them.

Jim Lowrey moved to have public works put the three items on public auction. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the Treewerx proposal for tree removal on Washington Road and another on Church Road.

Jim Lowrey moved to have Treewerx do the work for the trees on Washington and Church. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

- d. Discussion and possible action regarding the Hill electric proposal for parts and installation of a generator connection box on the Town Hall building.

Discussion was had about the difficulty and safety concern around hooking up the new generator to the town hall building. The proposed plan would make it a one-person job.

Dawn Redford moved to approve the Hill Electric proposal for installation of the generator connection box . Jim Lowrey seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

- e. Discussion and possible action regarding repairing, paving and installation of new culverts on Olia Rd.

Dawn Redford moved to approve the spending to repair the culverts and improve the roadway not to exceed \$80,000.00. Jim Lowrey seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

- f. Review and possible approval of Vouchers

Jim Lowrey moved to approve the vouchers. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

- g. Review and possible approval of May Financial Summary

Dawn Redford moved to approve the May Financial Summary. Jim Lowrey seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

- h. Review and possible approval of May Bank Statements and Reconciliations

Jim Lowrey moved to approve the May Bank Statements. Dawn Redford seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

- i. Review and possible approval of May 12, 2025, meeting minutes.

Dawn Redford moved to approve the meeting minutes with correction to the typo errors. Jim Lowrey seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

CLERK COMMUNICATION

Steven and Susan Weinberger are on the Dane County Rezone Agenda for June 24, 2025, but the Town has not acted yet. The Weinbergers have submitted the written documentation from Mrs. Skaar and Invenergy requested by the Plan Commission; therefore, their rezone will be on the June 24, 2025 Plan Commission meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Dawn Redford moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lowrey seconded.

MOTION PASSED 2-0

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Egge, Clerk-Treasurer*